

Sunday morning text and Sermon

The Isaiah oracles

The character of the Saviour Isaiah 9



Sun 6th Dec '09

Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

This morning

It's good to welcome you to Testwood as we come to meet with God & with each other. Leigh Barnard (our Associate Pastor) will be continuing the series, "The Isaiah oracles" – looking at Isaiah 9. There is crèche provision & children & young people's groups for 3 – 14s. Please stay for a coffee after the service. Please let us know whether there are specific needs we can help with (e.g. a large print version of this newsletter.) A Welcome Pack is available at the Welcome Desk if you're new to church, and someone will be there to answer any questions. There will be sports for adults & young people year 4 and above in the Sports Hall after the service.

Tonight at 6.00pm

Brian Coward will be speaking at the communion & healing service at 6 p.m. There will be opportunity for prayer for healing.

Discipleship Course

We regularly run this 9 week course – looking at how to live the Christian life. It's ideal for those who have recently decided to become a committed Christian, or for those wanting to revisit the basics of the Christian life. The next course starts on Mon Jan 18th at 7.45 for an 8 pm start. (There'll be 2 Mondays – and then the course continues on Tuesday evenings.) Please chat to Janice Tuck to sign up for the course, or email janice@testwoodbaptist.org

Baptism

A baptism service is being planned for Sunday January 24th in the evening (please note change of date). Believing & being baptised are linked together in the Bible. If you're a committed Christian and haven't yet been baptised, do speak to one of the pastoral staff about this.

Leigh's new CD

If you would like a copy of Leigh's new CD, please see Ann Guy at the church bookstall.

Questions for further study on this passage are on the church website
www.testwoodbaptist.org

Your response

Please fill in, tick as appropriate, tear off & place in the offering bags or take to the Welcome Desk.

- Name More about what this church is all about
- Address Children's or youth activities
- Telephone Small groups that meet midweek
- Email Courses that explore the Christian faith (Alpha/Journeys)

www.testwoodbaptist.org

023 80860320

Pantomime - Robin Hood

Sunday 10th January 2010. Tickets can be obtained from the welcome desk in reception. Cost £5 or £15 for a family. There are a limited number of tickets and these are selling very fast. If you have purchased a family ticket please ensure that you have one ticket for each member of the family. Please contact Steve Reynolds if you have any doubt

Reminder.....

Totton College Carol Concert is coming up on Monday the 7th December. It would be great to have some folk from the church coming along. These kind of events are a great way to show support to our community. Many Thanks x

Sandy Chance and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and support after the sudden death of her father. God bless you all.

Christmas cards

As in previous years we shall be having a board up to put Christmas cards on. Especially in view of the current money climate, it is suggested that, instead of writing cards to everybody in church, we can all put up one card to everyone. If anyone then wishes, the money saved on cards could be donated to YFM. Just place in the offering marked for YFM.

Also could we ask for donations of Christmas biscuits that can be used at the carol services and over Christmas? These can be left in the Hub.

Christmas Complete 2009

The SCRATCH toy project will be bigger and better this year thanks to a new partnership with Wave FM which will mean that parcels will be delivered across most of Hampshire and Dorset. We are, therefore, looking for volunteers to help sort and package the toys during the week commencing 14 December 2009.

The Shirley Home Group will be starting the sorting process on the evening of Thursday 10 December from shop premises in the East Street Centre – would any other group like to join us?

Donations of new toys and gifts suitable for babies up to 17 year olds would also be very much appreciated. Please leave at reception by Sunday 13 December.

Further details regarding items we would like and volunteering times can be found on our website – www.scratchcharity.co.uk or by e-mailing me at annette@scratchcharity.co.uk.

Dates for your diary

December

Sun 20th 10.30am All age carol service. 6pm Carols by candlelight
Thurs 24th 11.15pm Midnight carol service
Fri 25th 10.30am Christmas Day service

January

Sat 2nd The normal Prayer Breakfast is cancelled
Sun 10th Pantomime - Robin Hood
Fri 22nd Card making night
Tues 26th Church Members Meeting

The dates of church members meetings next year are:

Jan 26th Mar 30th July 13th Oct 19th - AGM

Wednesday mornings.

For anyone who cannot get to an evening Home Group but would like to share in some simple, straightforward bible study with a few friends, Wednesday mornings are just right for you.

We meet at 9.30 for coffee in The Hub, and from 10 - 11 we read, ask questions and discuss short parts of the bible. All are welcome and we would love to see you. Brian Coward.

A request from YFM:

We will soon be putting together Christmas Food Hampers for some of our clients. With this in mind, we would be really grateful for donations of any special Christmas food items (non perishable) that could be included in the hampers. Could any such donations please be left in reception clearly marked?

Prayer on Thursdays

Please note that we will not be meeting throughout the rest of December due to other activities going on. The next meeting will be 14th January 2010

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(For regular attenders at church)

Please update the directory with the following details

Feedback/comments/prayer requests